SUBJECT No. 199.

Leasing out mutton stalls on monthly rentals in Municipalities.

Mr. T. Syed Khaja Peeran Sahib, Muslim Association, Tarikere.

Mr. T. Syed Khaja Peeran Sahib.—The right of selling mutton in Municipalities is at present being sold by public auction. The price of mutton will consequently rise and the consumers will be put to heavy expense. Mutton stalls may therefore be directed to be leased out on monthly rental as in the Bangalore City.

Second Member of Council.—This is a local matter to be settled by the Municipality concerned.

Dewan.—Government cannot interfere in a case like this.

MISCELLANEOUS—(Representative Assembly.)

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SUBJECT No. 200.

Amalgamation of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly.

Mr. C. Rasool Khan, Anjuman-e-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Summary of Representation.—Government may be pleased to amalgamate the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 201.

Property qualifications of voters and candidates for election to the Representative Assembly.

Messrs. (*a*) G. Murigappa, Gubbi Taluk; Anantharajappa, Anantha Lakshminaranappa and Veerappa Gowda, Tumkur Taluk and (*b*) N. Surappa, Mysore Inamdars Association.

Summary of Representation.—(*a*) The right to vote for, and become a member of the Representative Assembly may be conferred only on persons paying a land revenue of Rs. 50 per annum or an income tax of Rs. 37-8-0 for the same period.

(*b*) The restriction that a jodidar should possess an inam village with a beriz of Rs. 250 in order to qualify him to vote and stand for election as a member of the Representative Assembly and also the restriction regarding his residence may be removed as the raiyats of the same inam village paying less *kandayam* are entitled to vote and stand for election as members of the Assembly.

Reply of Government.—The mixed Committee will discuss this.

SUBJECT No. 202.

Modification of the rules for election of members to the Representative Assembly.

Messrs. (*a*) and (*b*) Chennabasappa Gowda Shikarpur Taluk; (*c*) C. Srinivasa Rao Kadur District Board, and (*d*) Sampangi Ramaiya, Malur Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—(*a*) On account of rains in the month of June which is also a busy season for agriculturists who form the bulk of voters in a taluk living far away in the interior villages, most of them will not be able to go to headquarters and take part in the election. It may therefore be ordered that the election may take place in the month of April. If this change cannot be effected in all taluks, it may, at least, be made applicable to malnad taluks.

(*b*) As the elections are now held in taluk headquarters, a large number of voters cannot attend the same owing to long distances. It is therefore suggested that the taluk may be divided into convenient blocks consistent with the area and population, and elections held in convenient centres.

(*c*) Voting by ballot for election of members to the Representative Assembly should be strictly adhered to and election may be allowed to take place in two or more convenient centres according to the size of the taluk.

(*d*) (1) Members to be deputed to the Representative Assembly from Municipalities should be elected by the voters of the Municipal town instead of by the Municipal Councillors.

(2) If the number of members to be elected from a Municipality is more than one, the town concerned may conveniently be divided into as many divisions as there are members to be elected and each division may elect a member.

(3) Or, if possible, elections from Municipalities may be completely abolished, and the whole taluk together with the Municipal town may be considered as one unit, and members elected accordingly.

Reply of Government.—The mixed Committee will discuss this.

SUBJECT No. 203

Empowering the Representative Assembly to pass resolutions.

Messrs. (*a*) A. Ananthiah, C. Subba Rao and P. Venkappaiya, Shimoga Taluk;

(*b* C. Krishnamurthy, Law Association, Bangalore; M. Ramachandra Rao Scindia, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore;

(*c*) K. Subba Rao, Maddagiri Municipality;

(*d*) G. Girimaji Rao, Kolar Taluk, and Ramappa, Srinivaspur Taluk, and

(*e*) S. R. Balakrishna Rao Mysore Uuiversity

Summary of Representation.—(*a*) To make the Government more popular and really responsible, the voice of the people must be effective and their opinion must be taken before large schemes involving heavy expenditure are launched and new posts created. This object will be best served if the Assembly is given the right to move resolutions on the Budget.

(*b*) The Representative Assembly may be placed on a constitutional basis and given powers to pass resolutions on important subjects and also the State Budget before the latter is placed before the Legislative Council.

(*c*) The right of passing resolutions may be granted to the Representative Assembly. Such resolutions should be binding on the Government.

(*d*) It is prayed that the power of moving resolutions may be given to the Representative Assembly.

(*e*) The Representative Assembly which is the only representative institution in the State, may be given the privilege of electing its own Chairman and also the power of passing resolutions on the State Budget.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 204

Arrangements for confidential sittings of the assembly.

Messrs. C. Narasimhaiya, Heggaddevankote Taluk, and H. Krishna Sastri, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Mr. C. Narasimhiah requested that arrangements might be made to hold confidential sittings of the Assembly with only the members of the Assembly and officers of the Departments concerned. *Mr. H. Krishna Sastry* explained that what was meant was that those subjects which were not to be published might be treated as confidential and an opportunity should be given to discuss confidential matters.

The Dewan replied that whenever necessary the discussions might be treated as confidential and as not meant for publication.